47. AL-WADUD
(THE LOVING)

"The love of Allah pervades all existence.
Those who cannot see it are veiled
by their own lack of love."

- Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-1273 CE)
Source: "Mathnawi"
Book II

Anyone who repeats this Beautiful Name of Allah 1000 times and blows on food and such food is consumed by him and his wife together, their differences will come to an end. A strong bond of love and affection will come between them, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-WADOOD ﷻ (THE MOST LOVING ﷻ)

'Wadd' refers to love and friendship. Three definitions have been given regarding Al-Wadood ﷻ:

1.) Al-Wadood ﷻ has the meaning of ism-faail. This means that He is the Lover. He ﷻ loves those who are obedient (the angels, ambiyaa and pious servants.) i.e. He is pleased with them due to their actions, He bestows His favors upon them due to their achievements and He praises them due to it.

2.) Al-Wadood ﷻ is that Being who creates the love of the pious in the hearts of the creation. Rasulullaah ﷺ said, "When Allaah ﷻ loves a person, He calls out to Jibra'eel عليه السلام [saying], 'Allaah loves such and such person. So you should also love him.' And so, Jibra'eel also loves him. He then announces to the inhabitants of the heavens [saying], 'Allaah ﷻ loves such and such person. You all should also love him.' The inhabitants of the heavens therefore love that person. He thus becomes an object of acceptance on earth." (Bukhaari, Muslim)

3.) Al-Wadood ﷻ has the meaning of ism-maf'ool. This means that Allaah ﷻ is the beloved i.e. the ambiyaa, angels and pious slaves all love Allaah ﷻ. In fact, according to them, there is nothing more beloved to them than the Being of Allaah ﷻ.

Some have stated that Allaah ﷻ is beloved by the awliyaa due to their recognition of Him, by the sinners due to His forgiveness and mercy; and by the general masses due to His sufficing for their needs and sustenance.

The causes of love are five and all of these are found in Allaah ﷻ to the greatest extent:

1.) Wealth – Allaah ﷻ is the possessor of everything in the universe, whereas the wealth of all creation is temporary and minimal. Allaah ﷻ states,

وَلِلَّهِ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

And to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth, but the hypocrites comprehend not. (Munaafiqoon)

وَلَهُ مَا فِي الْسَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضِ

And for Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. (Nahl)

Rasulullaah ﷺ narrates from Allaah ﷻ that He said: "O My servants! I have made oppression prohibited upon Myself and made it prohibited among your selves as well. You should therefore not wrong each other. O My servants! All of you are astray except the one whom I guide. Therefore ask Me for guidance and I will guide you. O My servants! All of you are hungry except the one whom I feed. Therefore ask Me to feed you and I will feed you. O My servants! All of you are naked except the one whom I clothe. Therefore ask Me to clothe you and I will clothe you. O My servants! You commit sins by day and night, and I forgive all sins. Therefore seek forgiveness from Me and I will forgive you. O My servants! If you wish to harm Me, you will never be able to harm Me. And if you wish to benefit Me, you will never be able to benefit Me. O My servants! If all your past and future generations, and all the humans and jinn were to reach the level of the most righteous among you, that will not increase My sovereignty in any way. O My servants! If all your past and future generations, and all the humans and jinn were to reach the level of the most wicked among you, that will not decrease My sovereignty in any way. O My servants! If all your past and future generations, and all the humans and jinn were to all stand on a single field, and they were to ask Me [whatever they desired] and I gave to

every person whatever he asked for, that will not decrease My treasures in any way except as when a needle is dipped in the ocean. O My servants! It is your deeds which I store for you, and I will then give you your compensation in full. Therefore, whoever does good, should thank Allaah. And whoever does evil, he should blame none but himself [because evils are committed by the demands of his self].” (Muslim)

2.) Favours – Allaah ﷻ's favours on man are innumerable. Allaah ﷻ states,

وَإِن تَعُدُّواْ نِعْمَةَ اللّهِ لاَ تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

And if you try to count the bounties of Allaah, you will never be able to do so. Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Nahl)

وَمَا بِكُم مِّن نِّعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللّهِ

Whatever bounty is by you, it is from Allaah. (Nahl)

3.) Beauty - Whatever beauty is in the world is but a creation of Allaah ﷻ, who is the Most Beautiful. In this world, each person's beauty surpasses the next. What must have been the beauty of Yusuf m that the women cut their hands on seeing him! What must have been the actual beauty of Rasulullaah ﷺ that people would have cut their hearts if they had to see it? What must be the beauty of the damsels of Jannah that if one of them were to look at the people of this earth, she would light up all that is in between them and fill it with fragrance. The veil on her head is better than this world and all that is in it? (Bukhaari) Then we can well imagine the beauty of Allaah ﷻ!

When people will see the beauty of Allaah ﷻ on the Day of Judgement, the beauty of all else will fade. Rasulullaah ﷺ said, “When the people of Paradise enter Paradise, Allaah ﷻ will ask them, ‘Do you want anything more which I could give to you?’ They will reply, ‘Did You not illuminate our faces? Did You not admit us into Paradise and saved us from the Hell-fire?’ The veil will then be removed and they would not have been

given anything more beloved to them than being able to see their Sustainer.'" (Muslim)

4.) Perfection – Allaah ﷻ has all qualities of perfection. He ﷻ is perfect in creating, in forgiveness, in mercy, in tolerance, in power, etc. All perfection only belongs to Him ﷻ.

5.) Closeness – A person loves some-one because of his being close to him e.g. a son loves his father because of their close relationship. Allaah ﷻ's relationship with man is the closest. Allaah ﷻ states,

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

We are closer to man than his jugular vein. (Qaaf)